

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a server comprising:

a registry server comprising identifications of one or more services and

identifications of peers that perform the services; and

a second electronic device coupled to the registry server across a network, the second electronic device to fulfill a portion of a service request received from a first electronic device, and to send a remaining portion of the service request to a third electronic device found using the registry server.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the third electronic device is to fulfill the remaining portion of the service request and to send a response to the second electronic device.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the third electronic device is to fulfill the remaining portion of the service request by itself.

25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the third electronic device is to use a fourth electronic device to fulfill the remaining portion of the service request.

26-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a server comprising:

a registry comprising identifications of services and identifications of peers that

perform the services; and

a network adapter; and

a second electronic device to receive a service request from a first electronic device, to fulfill a portion of the service request, to find a third electronic device using the registry server, and to send a remaining portion of the service request to the third electronic device.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the third electronic device is to fulfill the remaining portion of the service request and to send a response to the second electronic device.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the third electronic device is to fulfill the remaining portion of the service request by itself.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the third electronic device is to use a fourth electronic device to fulfill the remaining portion of the service request.

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the registry server is implemented in Extensible Markup Language (XML).

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the service request is an XML formatted message.

38. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the registry server is implemented in Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

39. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the service request includes a header, the header including an address of the first electronic device, and the service requested.

40. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the second electronic device is to respond to the service request received from the first electronic device, the response to include a response to the first electronic device and a request to the third electronic device.

41. (New) An apparatus comprising:
means for receiving a service request and fulfilling a portion of the service request;
means for sending a registry request to a registry server, the registry server comprising a registry containing identifications of services and identifications of peers that perform the services;
means for receiving a response to the registry;
means for choosing a peer using the response; and
means for requesting a remaining portion of the service request from the peer.

42. (New) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the service request is an XML formatted message.

43. (New) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the service request includes a header, the header including an address of a first electronic device and the service requested.

44. (New) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein means for requesting a remaining portion of the service request from a peer includes:

means for formatting a XML formatted service request message, the XML formatted service request message containing a header, the header including an address of the peer and the remaining portion of the service requested; and

means for sending the XML formatted service requested message to the peer.